

Lighthouses within the National Park System

California

Cabrillo National Monument, San Diego:

Point Loma Light (Old)

Owner/Manager: National Park Service

Current Use: National Park exhibit

Open to the Public: Open daily

Access: 1800 Cabrillo Memorial Drive (Route 209)

Phone: 619-557-5450



The 40' Point Loma Lighthouse (1855), one of the first lighthouses built on the West Coast, sits on a cliff bringing its focal height to 462'. Photo by Kirby Harris, courtesy Cabrillo National Monument.

Channel Islands National Park, Port Hueneme:

Anacapa Island Light

Owner/Manager: U.S. Coast Guard/National Park Service

Current Use: Active aid to navigation in National Park

Open to the Public: Grounds only

Access: Boat from Ventura

Phone: 805-658-5700

Fort Point National Historic Site, San Francisco:

Fort Point Light

Owner/Manager: National Park Service

Current Use: National Park exhibit

Open to the Public: Fort open Wednesday through Sunday

Access: Marine Dr. N. of Crissy Field (under south anchorage of Golden Gate Bridge)

Phone: 415-556-1693

Golden Gate National Recreation Area, San Francisco:

Alcatraz Island Light

Owner/Manager: U.S. Coast Guard/National Park Service

Current Use: Active aid to navigation in National Park

Open to the Public: Grounds only

Access: Boat from Fisherman's Wharf

Phone: 415-556-0560

Point Bonita Light

Owner/Manager: U.S. Coast Guard/National Park Service

Current Use: Active aid to navigation in National Park

Open to the Public: 12:30-3:30 on weekends

Access: Off U.S. 101 (requires one-mile walk from parking lot)

Phone: 415-331-1540

Point Reyes National Seashore, Inverness:

Point Reyes Light

Owner/Manager: National Park Service/U.S. Coast Guard

Current Use: Active aid to navigation in National Park

Open to the Public: Thursday through Monday (10-4:30)

Access: Sir Francis Drake Blvd. off U.S. Route 1 (requires 1/4 mile walk to visitor center and 308 steps to reach lighthouse)

Phone: 415-669-1534

Florida

Dry Tortugas National Park, Key West:

Dry Tortugas (Loggerhead Key) Light

Owner/Manager: National Park Service/U.S. Coast Guard (optic only)

Current Use: Active aid to navigation in National Park

Open to the Public: Self-guided tour

Access: Boat

Phone: 305-242-7700

Tortugas Harbor (Fort Jefferson) Light

Owner/Manager: National Park Service

Current Use: National Park exhibit

Open to the Public: Grounds only

Access: Boat or seaplane from Key West

Phone: 305-242-7700



The Tortugas Harbor Lighthouse (1876) was constructed of wrought iron because a brick structure on the wall of the Fort would create dangerous fragments if hit by an exploding shell. Photo by Ralph Eshelman, 1996 courtesy NPS.

Georgia

Fort Pulaski National Monument, Tybee Island:

Cockspur Island Light

Owner/Manager: National Park Service

Current Use: National Park exhibit

Open to the Public: Self-guided tour

Access: Private boat

Phone: 912-786-5787

Maine

Acadia National Park:

Baker Island Light

Nearest City: Islesford

Owner/Manager: U.S. Coast Guard/National Park Service

Current Use: Active aid to navigation in National Park

Open to the Public: Grounds open summers

Access: Boat

Phone: 207-288-3338

Bass Harbor Head Light

Nearest City: Bass Harbor

Owner/Manager: U.S. Coast Guard

Current Use: Active aid to navigation in National Park

Open to the Public: Grounds only

Access: Routes 3 and 102

Phone: 207-288-3338

Bear Island Light is also within park boundaries but is not accessible to the public.

Maryland

Fort Washington Park, Fort Washington:

Fort Washington Light

Owner/Manager: U.S. Coast Guard/National Park Service

Current Use: Active aid to navigation in National Park

Open to the Public: Grounds open daily

Access: Rt. 210 to Fort Washington Road

Phone: 301-763-4600

Massachusetts

Salem Maritime National Historic Site, Salem:

Derby Wharf Light

Owner/Manager: National Park Service/U.S. Coast Guard

Current Use: Active aid to navigation in National Park

Open to the Public: Self-guided tour or by park guide

Access: Pier at Derby Street

Phone: 508-740-1660

Cape Cod National Seashore, Eastham:

Three Sisters Lights (Three Towers)

Owner/Manager: National Park Service

Current Use: National Park

Open to the Public: Tours and open houses during summer season; grounds open daily

Access: Cable Road off Ocean View Dr. (short walk)

Phone: 508-255-3421

Also visible within the park, but not accessible to the public:

Cape Cod (Highland) Light, Nauset Beach Light, and Race Point Light.

Michigan

Isle Royale National Park, Houghton:

Isle Royale Light

Owner/Manager: U.S. Coast Guard

Current Use: Active aid to navigation in National Park

Open to the Public: Grounds only

Access: Private boat

Phone: 906-487-7153

Passage Island Light

Owner/Manager: U.S. Coast Guard

Current Use: Active aid to navigation in National Park

Open to the Public: Grounds only

Access: Concession boat

Phone: 906-487-7153

Rock Harbor Light

Owner/Manager: National Park Service

Current Use: National Park

Open to the Public: Self-guided tour/tower open daily during summers

Access: Concession boat

Phone: 906-487-7153

Rock Of Ages Light

Owner/Manager: U.S. Coast Guard

Current Use: Active aid to navigation in National Park

Open to the Public: Grounds only

Access: Private boat

Phone: 906-487-7153

Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, Grand Marais:

Au Sable Light

Owner/Manager: National Park Service/U.S. Coast Guard (optic)

Current Use: Active aid to navigation in National Park

Open to the Public: Guided tours during summer/grounds open daily

Access: Off County Road H58

Phone: 906-387-2607

Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, Leland:

South Manitou Island Light

Owner/Manager: National Park Service

Current Use: National Park exhibit

Open to the Public: Guided tour of tower

Access: Ferry from Leland

Phone: 616-326-5134

New Jersey

Gateway National Recreation Area, Sandy Hook Unit, Highlands:

Sandy Hook Light

Owner/Manager: National Park Service

Current Use: Active aid to navigation in National Park

Open to the Public: Grounds only

Access: Fort Hancock Historic District at the north end of Sandy Hook

Phone: 908-872-5970



The Outer Island Fog Signal Building as it looked in 1893. Photo courtesy National Archives.

New York

Fire Island National Seashore, West Islip:

Fire Island Light

Owner/Manager: National Park Service lease to Fire Island Lighthouse Preservation Society

Current Use: Active aid to navigation in National Park

Open to the Public: Grounds open daily; tower and visitor center open weekends during Spring/Fall, Wednesday through Sunday during summer

Access: Robert Moses State Park; parking at Robert Moses Field 5

Phone: 516-661-4876

North Carolina

Cape Hatteras National Seashore:

Bodie Island Light

Nearest City: Nags Head

Owner/Manager: U.S. Coast Guard (tower)/National Park Service

Current Use: Active aid to navigation in National Park

Open to the Public: Grounds open daily/museum in keepers open in summer

Access: Route 12

Phone: 919-473-2111

Cape Hatteras Light

Nearest City: Buxton

Owner/Manager: U.S. Coast Guard/National Park Service

Current Use: Active aid to navigation in National Park/asst. keepers is a visitor center

Open to the Public: Visitor center open daily; tower open spring through fall

Access: Route 12

Phone: 919-995-4474

Ocracoke Island Light

Nearest City: Ocracoke

Owner/Manager: U.S. Coast Guard/National Park Service

Current Use: Active aid to navigation in National Park/keepers serves as NPS housing

Open to the Public: Grounds only

Access: Rural Road 1326

Phone: 919-473-2111

Cape Lookout National Seashore, Beaufort:

Cape Lookout Light

Owner/Manager: U.S. Coast Guard/National Park Service

Current Use: Active aid to navigation/keepers is visitors center in National Park

Open to the Public: Visitor center open daily

Access: Ferry from Harkers Island

Phone: 919-728-2250



Cape Hatteras Lighthouse (1870). The tallest lighthouse in the U.S. stands 208' from the bottom of its foundation and 197' above ground level. Photo by Candace Clifford, 1994, courtesy NPS.

Puerto Rico

San Juan National Historic Site, San Juan:

Port San Juan (El Morro) Light

Owner/Manager: U.S. Coast Guard/National Park Service

Current Use: Active aid to navigation in National Park

Open to the Public: Grounds only

Access: Fort

Phone: 809-729-6653

Virginia

George Washington National Memorial Parkway, Alexandria:

Jones Point Light

Owner/Manager: National Park Service

Current Use: National Park exhibit

Open to the Public: Grounds only

Access: Off U.S. 495 near Woodrow Wilson Bridge

Phone: 703-285-2598

Wisconsin

Apostle Island National Lakeshore, Bayfield:

Devils Island Light

Owner/Manager: U.S. Coast Guard/National Park Service

Current Use: Active aid to navigation in National Park

Open to the Public: Tower open summers

Access: Boat

Phone: 715-779-3397

Michigan Island Light (1st Tower)

Owner/Manager: National Park Service

Current Use: National Park exhibit

Open to the Public: Tower open summers

Access: Boat

Phone: 715-779-3397

Michigan Island Light (2nd Tower)

Owner/Manager: U.S. Coast Guard/National Park Service

Current Use: Active aid to navigation in National Park

Open to the Public: Tower open summers

Access: Boat

Phone: 715-779-3397

Outer Island Light

Owner/Manager: U.S. Coast Guard/National Park Service

Current Use: Active aid to navigation in National Park

Open to the Public: Tower open summers

Access: Boat

Phone: 715-779-3397

Raspberry Island Light

Owner/Manager: U.S. Coast Guard/National Park Service

Current Use: National Park

Open to the Public: Tower open summers/Living History Program

Access: NPS concession boat

Phone: 715-779-3397

Sand Island Light

Owner/Manager: U.S. Coast Guard/National Park Service

Current Use: Active aid to navigation in National Park

Open to the Public: Tower open summers

Access: NPS concession boat (requires one-mile walk to light-house)

Phone: 715-779-3397

Also within the park boundaries, but not accessible to public—

Chequamegon Point Light and Lapointe (Long Island) Light.

Other Lights within National Park System Boundaries, but not Accessible to the Public—

Boston Harbor Light, Boston Islands National Recreation Area, Massachusetts

Cape Spencer Light, Glacier Bay National Monument, Alaska

Fort Wadsworth Light, Gateway National Recreational Area,

Fowey Rocks Light, Biscayne National Park, Florida

Molokai (Kalaupapa) Light, next to Kalaupapa National Historical Park, Hawaii

Compiled by Candace Clifford from the Inventory of Historic Light Stations.



The Molokai (Kalaupapa) Light (1909) is adjacent to the Kalaupapa National Historical Park in Hawaii. Photo by Stephen T. Kozosky, 1996.